

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (hereinafter BOC) of LaPorte County, Indiana find that the County is in a prolonged period of drought; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the lack of rainfall has dried vegetation to the point it may easily combust and has thus become a fire hazard; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Commissioners of Laporte County, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 et Seq., at the recommendation of 18 fire departments located in LaPorte County, resolve and request that effective immediately the following acts are prohibited in Laporte County:

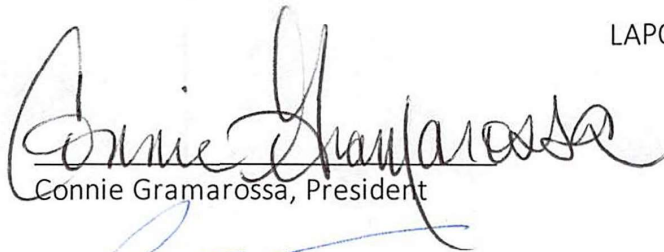
1. Open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane;
2. The burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities,
3. *EXCEPTION*: Campfires and recreational fires, that are continuously accompanied and enclosed within a 48" maximum non-combustible barrier;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Laporte County, Indiana declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the county that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this order, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of LaPorte County, Indiana.

Anyone who violates the ban could be cited and fined or subject to criminal charges should a fire result in personal or property damages.

This Executive Order issued this 18th day of September 2024 and shall continue until October 2, 2024, if the weather conditions improve, this order will be revisited.

LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Connie Gramarossa, President



Rich Mrozinski, Vice-President



Joe Haney, Member

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ATTEST:

 Timothy Stalvey
LaPorte County Auditor

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